

The liturgical color is purple for the 2nd Sunday in Lent



PRELUDE

"Jesus Paid It All"
Amy Bender, organist

Cathy DeRousse

WELCOME

Connie Irvin, liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

UMH 340

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Faith family, even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us. So join me in this good-news declaration:

We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again. Thanks be to God for this unending love.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

"Open Prayer"
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

Pepper Choplin

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer will be prayed after communion

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.

OFFERTORY

"Call to Remembrance" Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir; Laurie Babcock, Ben Chiappone, soloists

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF CENTERING

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

UMH 399

SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:36-50, p. 731

MESSAGE

"Tell Me Something Good:
The good news is...No Waste in Love: The Economy of Grace"
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 17, Musical Setting A

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF MISSION

"Amazing Grace"

UMH 378

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by John Newton. He was born in London, England in 1725. His religious mother died when he was six and John had a difficult childhood. He joined a merchant ship at age eleven. He was later pressed (forced) into the Royal Navy. He fell in love with Mary "Polly" Catlett and left his ship to see her. He was subsequently flogged and traded to a merchant ship. He became the captain of a slave trading ship. He nearly drowned during one difficult voyage and this was the beginning of his conversion to Christianity. He married Polly and eventually left the slave trade. He became, with the encouragement of John Wesley, a Church of England Cleric. The words to Amazing Grace were originally a poem Newton wrote and read to his congregation on New Year's Day, 1773. These words reflected his own regretful past. William Walker set Newton's poem to music in 1835 using the tune New Britain. Newton became a leader in the abolitionist movement in England. He worked with William Wilberforce, a member of the British Parliament, to pass the Slave Trade Act of 1807 which abolished slave trade in Great Britain. Newton died months later in 1807.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE

"Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

"Tocatta in a minor"

Johann Anton Kobrich

Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | March 1, 2026

Altar Flowers are presented by Michael & Christina Fournier
In Loving Memory of Michael's mother, Patricia Fournier,
brothers, Jeffrey & Ernest Fournier

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Ruthanne MacDonald
In Loving Memory of Roland MacDonald, whose birthday is March 5th

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485



Find the FULL artist's statement and other Lent inspired artworks on the "Gallery walls" in the Info Hub.

Cover Art Artist Statement

Ladies love Cool Jesus. For real. Women absolutely loved Jesus, and the woman with the alabaster jar is a great example of that. Who else shows up to an event unannounced with expensive oils to not only anoint someone's feet but to then offer their tears and use their hair to wipe the feet clean?

Several aspects of the piece are deconstructed, such as the woman's head and the foot of Jesus, both detached from bodies. I intentionally emphasize these elements to not distract us from the core of the story. The woman was intimately entwined with the feet of Jesus, her hair entangled with his leg. She released tears that would nourish his toes as the rich oil replenished his skin. To be cared for, to be seen, to be loved, that is something good.

—Rev. Nicolette Faison



LL Cool J

by Nicolette Faison

Inspired by Luke 7:36-50

12"x24" Acrylic, marker, paper collage on canvas
A Sanctified Art | sanctifiedart.org



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Pastor Steve Stultz Costello, Lead Pastor
Pastor Ivy Smith, Associate Pastor
Pastor Tammy Palermo, Pastor of Children & Family Ministry



Order Easter Flowers

Grab a form in the Info Hub or [order online](#) for Easter flowers! Daffodils, Tulips, and Hyacinths are \$8 and the Hydrangeas are \$15. The deadline to order is March 16th. If you need any assistance in ordering, contact the church office.

9:15 AM Chapel Service

Join us in the Chapel at 9:15 AM from February 22nd to May 31st for a NEW Sunday service. This is a great option for those who enjoy the Traditional style of worship in a more intimate, early morning setting.

Young Adult Outing

Young Adults are invited to an outing on the evening of Saturday, March 7th. We'll carpool or meet at the Towpath Trail (1203 University Rd, Cleveland, OH 44113) at 6 PM for their annual Lantern parade. This event is completely free and goes until 8 PM.

Healing Service

Join us at Mentor UMC on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:45 PM in the Chapel for a Healing Service. This is open to ALL and will take place following that evening's Lent dinner. You are not required to eat with us to attend the service.

Youth Ice Skating

Youth are invited on Sunday, March 15th to go Ice Skating together after church. Carpool or meet us at Mentor Civic center. The cost is \$7 per student. Reach out to Mackalyn Figgins for more info.

March Madness Watch Party

Join us for a March Madness watch party that **ALL** are invited to on Saturday, March 21st. We will meet in the gallery to enjoy games and snacks.

Eggstravaganza

Join us on Saturday, April 4th at 10 AM here at Mentor UMC for the community egg hunt. Enjoy a morning of free fun including candy, games, and fellowship. This event is free and open to all. Contact Pastor Tammy to volunteer.

The BIG Event

Save the date for this year's Youth Service Project fundraiser dinner, The BIG Event on Sunday April 12th. Each year, the YSP students host an exciting night with auctions and entertainment. Get a head start on supporting this ministry by purchasing a "stock" or grabbing a raffle basket donation form. Learn more about both in the Info Hub or online.

Scholarship 2026

Students are invited to [fill out the MUMC Scholarship form](#) by Wednesday, April 8th, 2 PM. This opportunity is for any high school or higher education student who has been a member here for at least ONE year. We'll celebrate our recipients and grads on Sunday, May 24th.



Scan to Read the Weekly Update

WELCOME, BISHOP!



Bishop Hee-Soo Jung currently serves as the resident bishop of The Ohio Episcopal Area, encompassing both the East and West Ohio Conferences. He began his assignment in September 2024.

Bishop Jung holds a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an MA from the Institute of Buddhist Studies (affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA), an MA from Dongguk University Graduate School in Seoul, South Korea, and a BTh from Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea.

Bishop Jung's spouse, Im-Hyon, is an Elder in the Wisconsin Conference and recently retired as director of International Relations, Asia & Global Programs, for the Upper Room/Discipleship Ministries. Together, they are the parents of two adult sons and proud grandparents of two.

Read the full bio online:

<https://www.eocumc.com/bishop/jung.html>

Admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Enclave: Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak
Parker Place: Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox
Symphony of Mentor: Lorraine Ahlstrom
Governor's Pointe: Bob Williams
Salida Woods: June Van Ostrand

In need of prayer:

Hilary Pleska, Karen Mancini, Tom Martin, Noralee Starr, Sandy Williams, Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Doug & Kathy Koman, Jack Donahue, The Lippert Family, Norma Ickes

Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of William "Bill" Owen, who passed on Thursday, February 12, 2026. A service was held on Friday, February 27th.

UPCOMING

AT MENTOR UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 1

- 9 & 11 AM Worship
Communion Sunday
- 10 & 12 Fellowship Hour
Pancake Sunday
- Martin Journey Group
- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School

Monday, March 2

- Carr Journey Group (2)
- Parents Morning Out

Tuesday, March 3

- Ring Journey Group
- Disciple III

Wednesday, March 4

- Knitting Group
- Lent Dinner, 5:45 PM
- Lent Groups, 6:45 PM

Thursday, March 5

- Bell Choir
- Charter Members Men's Choir
- Chancel Choir
- Royal Fam Kids Dinner

Friday, March 6

Saturday, March 7

- Modern Worship Practice
- Young Adult Outing:
Lantern Parade

Lent Dinners

 Check the boxes and turn in to the office/offering box to RSVP 

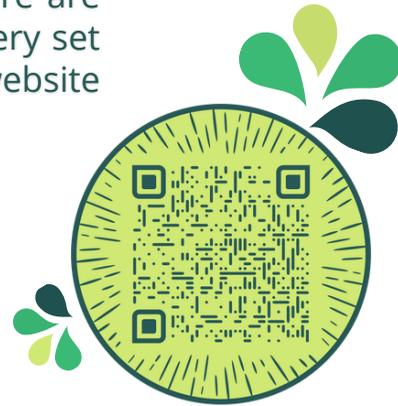
Join us at 5:45 PM on Wednesday evenings in Lent for **weekly dinners** with new and old friends. We'll meet in the Gallery and enjoy a meal and dessert together. Dinners include conversation and camp-style worship.

If you are interested in **volunteering** to help with the meal, there are many different areas that you can assist such as meal prep, Gallery set up, greeting visitors, serving food, and cleaning up. Check our website by scanning the QR code or visit the Info Hub to find out more.

Dinner Schedule & Menu:

For dietary restrictions, get in touch with the church office.

- Wednesday, March 4th
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas & carrots, coleslaw, rolls
- Wednesday, March 11th
Betsy's Unlasagna, garlic bread, Italian medley, and salad
- Wednesday, March 18th
Grilled chicken Alfredo, steamed broccoli & cauliflower, fruit cup, rolls
- Wednesday, March 25th
Rhonda's Salsa chicken with black beans & rice, corn salsa with tortilla chips, refried beans, and salad.



Join us on Wednesday evenings around 6:45 PM at Mentor UMC for three exciting group opportunities. Each of these is open to anyone who would like to participate. There is NO cost and NO additional materials to purchase.

- "Tell Me Something Good" In Depth**
Join pastor Steve Stultz Costello and pastor Ivy Smith for this group that will go further into the themes of the prior Sunday's sermon & scriptures. No materials needed but you are encouraged to take a look at the digital Lenten Devotional, which you can find a link to on our website.
- The Social Principles**
Join Youth & Young Adult Director, Mackalyn Figgins, in learning more about the UMC Social Principles. This group is good for those who want to have a deeper understanding of how to engage with contemporary issues in a biblical and theological way.
- #BeUMC**
Join Chris Fletcher for "#BeUMC," an introductory, relaxed look into what being a Methodist means. We'll meet in Gallery as the meal ends, so you don't even need to leave your seat! No materials needed.

Check the box of the group you'd like to join and turn in to the office or the offering box.

 Go deeper in your discipleship.

Lent Groups